

Weather and Water (W&W) Goal Team Newsletter

26 August 2005

Action Items & Deadlines

September 7 – Programs propose specific changes to proposed themes for W&W Program Plan (POC – Kevin Schrab)

September 7 – Programs propose program alternatives to fund scenarios via initial investment exercise (POC – Kevin Schrab) – see details below

September 7 – Programs propose specific changes to proposed priority criteria (POC – Kevin Schrab)

Other Important Dates

- August 26 – NEC approval of AGM
- August 31 – AGM published
- September 9 – PA&E FY08 Program Review brief to GT Leads, PMs, CFOs
- September 13 – Programming Guidance Priorities Brief to NEP by PA&E
- September 21 – Programming Guidance Priorities Brief to NEC by PA&E
- September 26 – PA&E issues Fiscal & Programming Guidance
- September 30 – Updated Program Charters due to PPI (see agenda of August 25 meeting for complete schedule)

Notes from August 25, 2005 Goal Team Meeting

- Administrative Items
 - o Carven Scott (detailed to PPI) will be working with W&W Programs during the charter finalization process; he will request meetings with each Program over the next few weeks
 - o EOPA (Earth Observation Partnership for the Americas)
 - GOES-9 or GOES-10 may be repositioned to 60W to support South America
 - To leverage this commitment, are there any ideas for in-situ or satellite observations that we need from South America countries? Please send suggestions to Kevin Schrab by August 31.
 - o PIRS – PA&E indicates PIRS will be updated with DOC passback information before programming begins
 - o NOAA International Law Conference – September 13-14; please let Kevin Schrab know if you want more information
- Planning
 - o Pre-decisional draft of AGM will be sent to PMs; official release expected on August 31
 - o Comments on how to improve the process are welcome – PPI is looking at ways to improve the process
 - o Q/As with PA&E seem to be going well; remember this is critical to help support programming

- Programming
 - Schedule
 - Serial 1 was released on August 15; see “Other Important Dates” above for schedule
 - LACI diagram distributed; send comments/suggestions to Kevin Schrab
 - Themes
 - Proposed themes for the FY08 W&W Program Plan were distributed. They follow the Goal Assessment.
 - There was discussion that some themes were pretty broad. More detail can be seen in text (bullets) of Goal Assessment.
 - **Programs have action** (see above) to review themes and propose changes.
 - Strategy
 - Distributed a few strategy slides from FY07 Program Plan; plan to use similar approach for FY08 programming
 - Initial investment exercise was proposed; **Programs have action** (see above) to identify the preferred alternative to fund the following scenarios within each Program:
 - 2.5% cut to each Program (initial proposal was to use 5% cut, agreement was made to change to 2.5% cut)
 - \$2M available to each Program to fill gaps
 - \$4M available to each Program to fill gaps
 - \$8M available to each Program to fill gaps
 - NOTES – for each scenario:
 - Indicate to what extent (%) that alternative would fill the gap between Current Program and 100% Program for each capability in Program
 - Generate a spreadsheet of how resources would be allocated (the "best alternative" from your PBA can be a template) - show \pm changes relative to your current program
 - Include a brief narrative for each alternative that describes the impact of the choices made, such as:
 - What is being bought?
 - Benefits/risks - include impacts within Program and other Programs/Goals
 - What Goal & AGM priorities are met?
 - Priorities
 - Proposed criteria for prioritizing funding was distributed; similar to last year; use Goal Assessment/Themes are highest weight
 - **Programs have action** (see above) to review priority criteria and propose changes

Announcements

- Deputy Goal Lead will be meeting with each Program over the next 2 weeks to help prepare for the next Goal Team meeting (for those Programs that have not yet had this meeting)
- The FY08 Schedule can be accessed at: <https://www.ppbs.noaa.gov/calendar08.html>
- Upcoming Goal Team Meetings
 - o September 8, 2-3:30pm, SSMC-2 Room 15246
 - o September 15, 2-3:30pm, SSMC-2 Room 15246
 - o September 22, 2-3:30pm, SSMC-2 Room 15246
 - o September 29, 2-3:30pm, SSMC-2 Room 15246

Next W&W Goal Team Meeting – Draft Agenda

- Thursday, September 8, 2:00–3:30 pm EST, SSMC-2 **15246**
 - o Telecon#: 866-707-7320
 - o Password: 4867879
- Administrative Items
- FY08 Programming
 - o PA&E questions
 - o Schedule – LACI diagram
 - o Themes – discuss Program feedback on draft themes
 - o Strategy – discuss Program feedback on initial investment exercise
 - o Priorities – discuss Program feedback on draft priority criteria
 - o Fiscal guidance – preliminary discussion

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